

July 22, 2014

Present

Commissioners Joanne Clark, Ann Borders, Joyce Harrod, Jaime Windon, and Roy Myers, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Administrative Clerk Suzanna Warnick, and five members of the public.

Call to Order

President Clark called to order the special working session on the Town's project list and Capital Projects Chart at 2:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Items for Discussion

- Town Project List for 2013/14

President Clark explained the purpose of the working sessions and then called upon Town Manager Jean Weisman, who reviewed the project list for 2013/2014 for the Commissioners. Mrs. Weisman answered the Commissioners' questions regarding process and progress on items on the list. After a discussion of some length, the Commissioners directed staff to schedule a session to discuss Town properties, another discussion of parking, a discussion of intra-fund borrowing, and repair of Talbot Street sidewalks.

- **Capital Project Chart for FY15**

Commissioner Myers reviewed the capital projects chart he had prepared and Mrs. Weisman provided background and history on the projects. The Commissioners made suggestions for additions and deletions. Following their discussion, the Commissioners took a five-minute break.

- **Ordinance No. 452: Streets and Sidewalks (REVISED)**

President Clark reconvened the meeting at 3:30 p.m., and called upon Mrs. Warnick, who read the AMENDED title of Ordinance No. 452 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE No. 452, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 285 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS (THE "CODE") FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROHIBITING OBSTRUCTIONS ON SIDEWALKS, DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AMENDING THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, AND PROHIBITING THE DEFACING OF BRICK AND CEMENT SIDEWALKS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 340-108 (DEFINITIONS) OF THE CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR SIDEWALK DINING AREAS AND ASSOCIATED PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 340, TABLE 4.1 OF THE CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADDING 'GROCERY STORE' AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE CENTRAL COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE AND INCLUDING SUCH USE IN CHAPTER 340, ATTACHMENT 6 (NOTES TO TABLE OF GENERAL LAND USES); AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 340-40 (SIGNS), PARAGRAPH 16 (MENU BOARDS) OF THE CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELETING FREE STANDING DISPLAY STRUCTURES; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO SIDEWALKS AND USES THEREON IN THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS

President Clark then outlined the process for Commissioners' discussion – public sidewalks and safe access, encumbrances, free standing boards, regulation and enforcement. President Clark said there would be a public hearing on the ordinance at the library on August 27, 2014. She then called upon Mrs. Weisman, who reviewed the revised draft ordinance with the changes from the last meeting. After a lengthy discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the pedestrian corridor should be maintained at four and one half feet, and to do a field trip prior to their meeting on the following day to review sidewalk areas.

- **Recognizing St. Michaels Police Dept.**

Commissioner Clark suggested that the COSM recognize the great effort and performance of the Town's police officers for their teamwork, for their success in the recent arrest of suspects involved in the Trappe bank robbery, and the current and ongoing drug investigations and crackdown. The other Commissioners agreed and directed staff to draft a special proclamation/resolution. It was also agreed to present one-time bonuses to each officer but that the bonus issue would need discussion in closed session immediately following the meeting. President Clark called for a motion to move into Closed Session. Commissioner Borders made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Windon and which passed on voice vote of 5-0 in favor at 5:10 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanna Warnick
Administrative Clerk

Public Handouts:

Agenda

Draft Ordinance No. 452: Sidewalks – Safe Passage

Town Project List for 2013/14

Capital Project Chart for FY15